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Lori Tupper
Class of 1982

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"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the spirit is given for some benefit."

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Friends,

The other day I was with a group of people who are in formation and discerning to become Associates for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. We were engaged in a conversation about gifts when Sr. Ruth Stuckel, a professor of philosophy here at Avila, offered this wisdom: she said that when a gift is given one must first receive the gift and then glorify the giver by using that gift. That made me think of my father when I was a child. I gifted him with many awful ties and several bottles of bad cologne, but he always wore them both, which made me smile with pride.

God has gifted each of us at Avila. I hope to bring awareness to our community, especially our students, that we must receive the free gift that God has bestowed upon us and then use it. By doing so, we help to bring justice and comfort to a world in need and give glory to God. Paul's words on the left gives us this two-fold picture of service. First we accept our giftedness and next we offer those gifts in service to one another. Interestingly, I have found that many times it is actually through our service that we discover our giftedness.

Every year I travel with a group of students to West Virginia to live in community with young people from all over the country. We come together to serve those in need in Appalachia through the ministry of presence and improving homes. Before we go, I prepare the students who aren't really sure what they are getting into. Without fail, one or two will talk themselves out of the trip because they are scared and really aren't sure that they can do what is needed. For those who brave their fears, a great reward awaits. Every student I have taken on this journey has discovered many things about themselves. Some learn they can put on a roof, or help build a room addition or install siding on a house. Others learn that they really can pray out loud with friends or cook a meal or even take an outdoor shower for the sake of simplicity. It is so much fun for me to see these discoveries happen because then students begin to wonder what else they have to discover about themselves and what they have to offer. Often people who do service speak of the good feeling they get when working with others. I believe much of that good feeling comes from discovering more about who God has created us to be in service to one another.

Service is so important to what we do and who we are at Avila because God has gifted us with love. To serve each other is to love and to increase love at the same time. It is in service that we exercise our faith and this faith, through action, is not only evidenced, but also made stronger. Therefore we not only transform our world but too we transform our institution and ourselves.

God has gifted Avila with many wonderful people who use their gifts by serving the community in so many ways according to those gifts. It is in service to others we discover these gifts. This constitutes a cycle of blessing and this cycle leads us to receive so that we can in turn bless. Service is integral to our growing as an institution. Our service is evidence of our faith and our faith grows as we serve one another. This use of gifts in service gives glory to our God who smiles upon us.

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Mindfulness-Based Wellness Program Launched

The Menorah Legacy Foundation generously funded the launch of the Avila Mindfulness-Based Wellness program (MBW) coordinated by principal researcher Dr. Maria Hunt.

This exciting, new program offers individuals the chance to participate in a 14-week mindfulness training program. The program is designed to “train the brain” to make conscious decisions. “Oftentimes we go straight to our emotions for the answer. With this training it teaches the brain to stop, look at a choice and make a decision non-reactively,” said Hunt.

Faculty, staff and students participated in the first group of this innovative program during the recent fall semester. In addition to the 14-week training, enhancement programs were launched that included yoga, tai chi and zumba. Participants also took part in daily meditation exercises.

At the start of the program the new gathering room was unveiled, equipped with a versatile space for mindfulness activities, meditation cushions, and a peaceful atmosphere.

Avila is home to the first program in the country that examines the positive effects of mindfulness in a non-clinical setting. Future plans include expanding services to be offered in the community and the launch of myhealthyspace.org, a Web site modeled after myspace.com. The focus of the site will be healthy lifestyles.



The Mindfulness Room in Foyle Hall.

AUspotlight

At the Iowa City Yacht Club, Dr. Jeffrey Myers, associate professor of history at Avila University, waited with guitar in hand to sit in with the Blue Tunas, the house blues band—



Avila Faculty and Staff Spotlighted on Web

The Avila home page features bi-monthly faculty spotlights. Read about current faculty and staff accomplishments, career development and little known interesting facts.

Check the Avila home page regularly for new posts at www.avila.edu.



Avila's President to Attend Meeting with Pope

In April of 2008, Pope Benedict XVI will make his first visit to the United States, visiting Washington D.C. and New York. During the Pontiff's visit, he will meet with the President and offer mass at the new Nationals stadium as well as Yankee Stadium.

Avila President Dr. Ron Slepitza will travel to Washington to attend a national summit with Catholic college and university presidents. Pope Benedict is meeting with college leaders to address the importance of Catholic education. The meeting will be held at the Catholic University of America.

Avila Works to Go Green



With an ever increasing awareness of global warming, our mission to form right relationships with others, self and the earth, prompted Avila to form the Environmental Action Committee (EAC). The EAC is comprised of faculty, staff and students all with one goal: to help Avila “go green.”

Avila recently made a public commitment to environmental sustainability by joining the Greater Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce’s pledge to strive for conservation and sustainability as well as the American College & University Presidents’ commitment to these same efforts.

The EAC meets regularly to determine goals, both immediate and far reaching, that will guide Avila in improving its consciousness of the environment. Such goals include: fundraising, landscaping efforts, community engagement and educational forums.

This semester, the EAC will launch the “Be an Everyday Hero” campaign, which will help to raise awareness for the Avila community regarding ways in which every person, through simple changes in behavior, can help to save the planet.



Upcoming Campus Events

It's a Me, It's a You, I Hate Men!
Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter
Book by Bella & Sam Spewack

Goppert Theatre
April 24, 25, and 26 at 8:00 p.m.
April 27 at 2:00 p.m.

TOO DARN HOT!
Another Op'nin', Another Show
I HATE MEN!

CARMINA BURANA

Goppert Theatre
May 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Avila University Choral Activities including University Singers, Avila Singers, Women's Ensemble and Men's Glee Club will perform this masterwork.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Reulan Levin



Dr. Levin, associate professor of education, was featured in local and national media in November for her work with special needs students. Dr. Levin's charism spans over her thirty-five years as an educator. Throughout her career, she has worked extensively with at-risk and special needs students as well as teaching future teachers in areas of foundations and writing curriculum, as well as passing on her wisdom in teaching at-risk students.

As a Fulbright scholar, Levin has traveled to Africa and England to help schools write curriculum. She currently is serving as a national consultant and mentor to urban public school teachers with two programs that help to develop curriculum and strategies to improve student performance.

Not only her credentials but also her charism are what attracted her recent media attention. Dr. Levin has helped to pay tuition for numerous students over the years, which has allowed young men and women the chance to go to college who otherwise would not.

The amount of care and effort that Dr. Levin has given to improve the performance of students and help to improve graduation success even attracted recognition from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A spokesperson said, "When we asked kids why they dropped out, they said were bored or because nobody cared about them. Think about the power of one individual like this Avila University professor."



Pope John Paul II prayed at the Western Wall in Jerusalem as part of his historic journey to the Holy Land in 2000.

Avila to Host International Exhibit

In the spring of 2009, Avila will host the acclaimed international exhibit, "A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II & the Jewish People."

This interactive, multimedia exhibit debuted at Xavier University and has been seen by thousands of visitors around the country. The exhibit chronicles the life of Pope John Paul II's extraordinary legacy in promoting interfaith dialogue between the Catholic and Jewish faiths.

Presented in four parts, the exhibit begins with the childhood of future Pope Karol Wojtyla in Nazi occupied Poland. The exhibit ends with his papacy and the legacy he left behind.

The exhibit will be offered by Avila to the Kansas City community at a public venue. Avila is proud to sponsor this exhibit's premiere in Kansas City.

Visit Avila's Web site for the latest exhibit details.

Innovative MyAvila.com Goes Live

Avila joined a short list of universities that offer an online community network. MyAvila.com, designed for prospective students and the Avila community, launched mid-September to a great initial response.

The goal is to develop a rich online environment among faculty, staff and students so that potential students can essentially introduce themselves to the Avila community. "The hope is that prospective students can get a 'virtual taste' of the Avila experience," said Karen Baum, assistant vice president for marketing and communication.

Feedback from visits with prospective high school students has been tremendously positive.



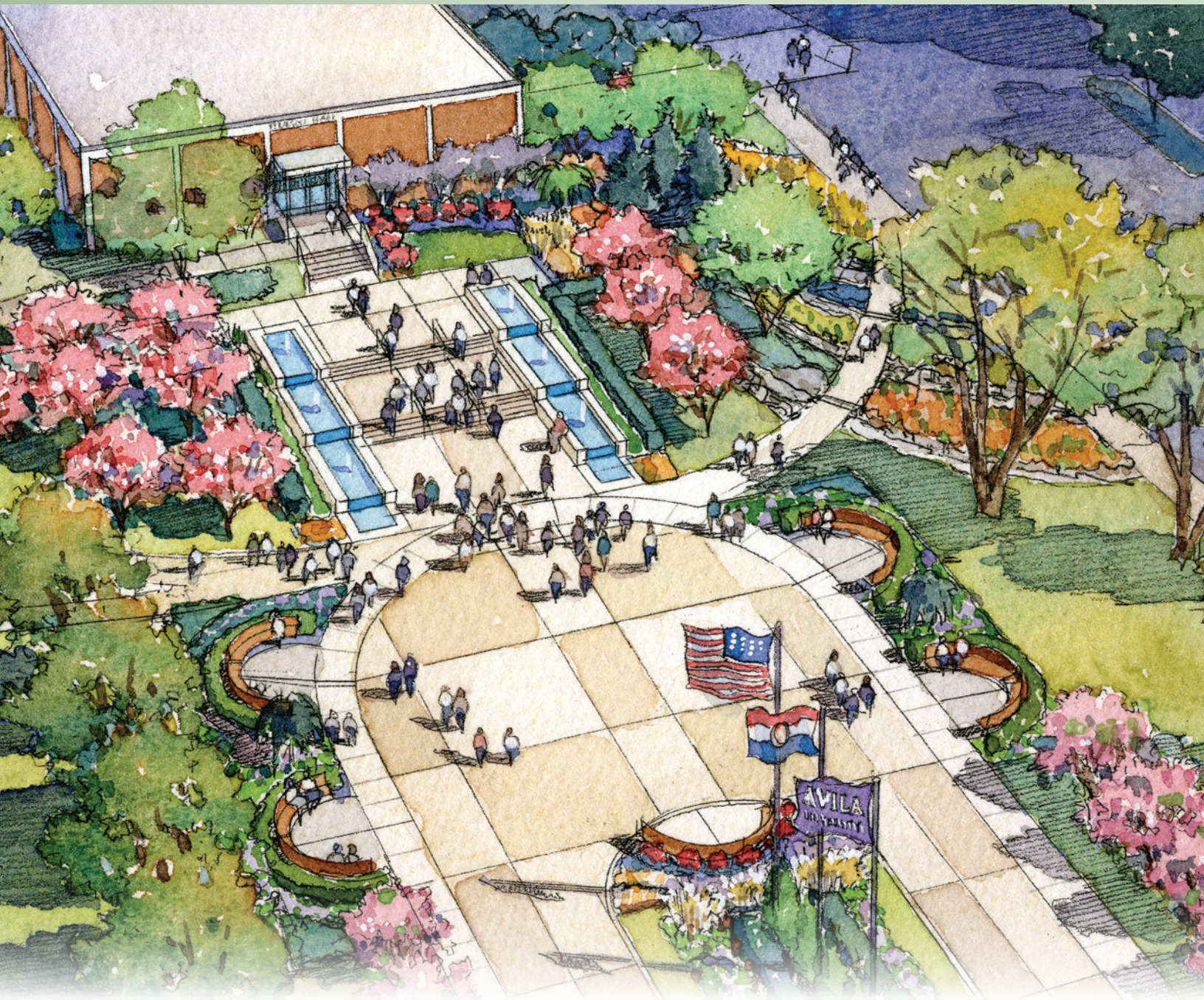
Scholar-Athlete Award Winners



Avila University belongs to Region V of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The region consists of 21 schools in the states of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas and Illinois. To qualify for Region V scholar athlete status, a student must be a junior with four semesters of total attendance completed, have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better, have a minimum of 60 semester hours completed, and transfer students must have attended the institution for one semester prior to being nominated.

The following students were recognized by Region V of the NAIA as Scholar-Athlete award winners for the fall/winter sports teams:

Ryan Brenner	Football
Brian Berger	Men's Soccer
Lisa Burks	Women's Soccer
Patrick Devero	Men's Soccer
Katie Feierabend	Women's Soccer
Brandon Holiwell	Football
Larry Johnson	Men's Soccer
Emily Hoskins	Women's Basketball
Brian Kelly	Football
Joshua Loden	Men's Soccer
Erin Miller	Women's Soccer
Lauren Miller	Volleyball
Jill Sells	Women's Soccer
Ashley Townsend	Women's Basketball
Patrick Turk	Men's Soccer
Kayle Walker	Women's Basketball
Sean Wattenbarger	Men's Soccer
Doug Wendel	Football



New Plaza to Improve Avila's "Front Door"

The front of Blasco Hall will have a new look in the near future. It will soon be transformed into the Jeanne Hamilton Olofson Plaza. Olofson, who received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Avila, recently gave a \$500,000 leadership gift to Avila for the new plaza.

This generous gift will allow Avila to begin construction on the new "front door" in the spring of 2008. The plaza will feature four-season landscaping, seating/reflective areas, pavestones, and will become a primary gathering spot on campus. The plan also features cascading fountains

on each side of the new main staircase.

"Jeanne Olofson is a long time supporter of Avila and, with this gift, really represents a modern day founder of the University," said Avila President Ron Slepitz. She currently serves on the Avila Board of Trustees and is a member of the advancement committee.

Olofson knows the importance of creating a good first impression with prospective students and their families, believing that the "front door" should reflect the quality of the education that students receive from Avila. The only request of Olofson was to "please ensure that the flagpoles still make that clanging sound in the wind. When I hear that, I know I am home. We can't sacrifice that historic sound," Olofson said.

Avila visits Minnesota Alumni

The road show continues for Advancement staff as they recently went to Minneapolis to connect with alumni and friends in the area. Hosted by Kathy Higgins Victor '84, President Slepitzka provided an update on campus happenings and what is still to come in the continued growth of the university. Several alumni and members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet were in attendance and also provided feedback to Dr. Slepitzka and the staff. The ultimate goal of these visits is to better communicate with our alumni, personally involve them in future activities and have them reach out to other alumni in these areas who



Kathy Higgins Victor '84, graciously hosted a reception in October to introduce Dr. Ron Slepitzka to the Avila alumni in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area.

want to stay connected.

Keep your eyes open because Avila may be coming to your neighborhood very soon!

New Art Gallery in the Works

The Thornhill Gallery is part of Avila's School of Visual and Communication Arts (VisCom). The gallery is an on-campus teaching and exhibit space. It also has a growing reputation within the Kansas City art community, with strong attendance at shows featuring artists of local and regional interest. The current gallery, however, is extremely limited due to its size and location across campus from VisCom.

VisCom and Advancement are working together to create the new Avila Art Gallery, which will replace the Thornhill Gallery to create a modern exhibition and teaching space. The Avila Art Gallery project provides a great return for a modest investment by making use of existing space adjacent to the School of Visual and Communication Arts to nearly triple the size of the campus' gallery space.

The Avila Art Gallery will be an asset to the University and to the Kansas City community. As a teaching space, the new gallery will provide VisCom with a modern working facility. As a versatile exhibition space, the gallery will continue to offer a strong annual slate of shows available to school groups and individual visitors from the metropolitan area.

You can help create the Avila Art Gallery!

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Embracing Avila's



The Ngamo Primary School. This school is in a rural area of Zimbabwe. There is one teacher for each grade. The teachers live in huts provided on the school grounds. Many of the students walk over an hour both to and from school. They rarely have breakfast. Lunch at school may be their only meal. The school has grades 1-8. For children to receive schooling beyond eighth grade, they must move to a town over one hundred miles away and pay tuition and board. Very few children have this privilege. In this area of Africa, there is a high incidence of AIDS. In fact, the second-grade spelling list included AIDS.



This is one of the school buildings at the Ngamo school. The buildings have no windows, heat or bathrooms. It gets quite chilly in the winter and the children have few clothes.



A second grade classroom at the Ngamo School.



The Chinese Opera School-Beijing, China. Children are chosen at a very young age to leave their families and come to this school. The children train to become members of the Chinese Opera. The Chinese Opera includes acrobatics, singing, acting, swordplay, and mime. Children are chosen on a variety of criteria. They live at the school for years and rarely see their families. These boys are practicing acrobatics.



These girls are practicing dance for the Chinese Opera School.

Dr. Laura Sloan

After traveling to six continents and numerous countries, Dr. Laura Sloan, dean of the school of education, can say that she has "seen the world." Photographic reminders of her travels to faraway lands adorn the walls of her office in Foyle Hall.

Dr. Sloan travels with a group that supports resource-poor countries through its foundation. Fees for the trips help support communities, schools in particular. As part of the itinerary for each trip, Dr. Sloan visits local schools and meets teachers and

Tradition of Service



Dr. Sloan and two of the boys at a school in Costa Rica.



A swimming contest in the Amazon. Parents stayed out in the river to protect the children while they swam.



A school on the banks of the Amazon, east of Iquitos, Peru. The school was up on stilts and quite near the river. One of the members of the group had adopted this school and had been writing to the students. The school was so excited to get to meet her that they planned a field day. All of the parents and relatives came. They had cleared the schoolyard with machetes. The students played games, including swimming and canoeing in the Amazon. These schools have so little. The group brought school supplies and the students and teachers were so grateful.



Dr. Sloan and an Aboriginal child read together. The government has disenfranchised this group of people for many years. The school is a way in which the government is trying to improve the situation for the Aboriginal children. In this school, children are taught to value and speak their native language.



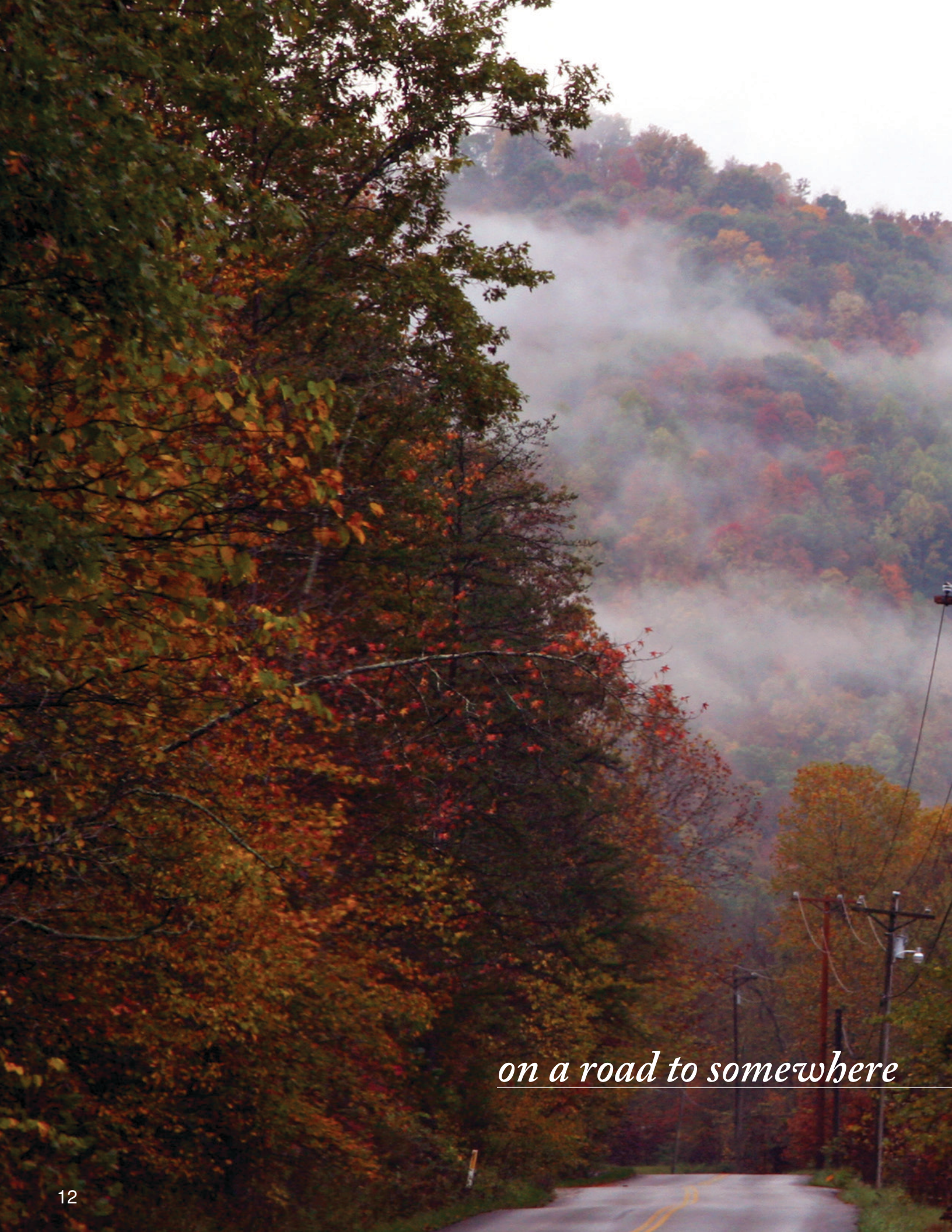
A classroom in a school in Lhasa, Tibet. The classrooms have very few supplies and many children. Tibet has experienced difficulties since the Chinese takeover of the nation and the destruction of the Buddhist monasteries. The group provided them with recreational supplies such as balls, gloves, and nets. They had no play equipment at all.

Snapshots taken by Dr. Dale Thomas
Tibet photo courtesy of Jupiter Images

children in the classrooms.

Dr. Sloan believes that learning about other countries' educational systems helps her in preparing Avila's pre-service students. Dr. Sloan also contributes her own time and funds to adopt a school in the

Amazon every year. Her efforts help to purchase supplies, books and other needs for the school children.



on a road to somewhere



Life is good in Appalachia.

*The people are so down
to earth and we continue
to draw close to God as
He leads us down many
unfamiliar paths.*

– Lori Tupper '82



A stone house stands welcoming
in the valley, dwarfed by
the magnificence of the
Appalachian Mountains that serve as its backdrop.
On the front porch, a rocking chair and swing
suggest neighborly visits at dusk, perhaps sharing
cool glasses of lemonade and lively conversations
about life. A dog barks and a woman, barefoot,
appears at the screened door. Her joyful demeanor
is reflected in her quick smile, but a slight hint of
orneriness is expressed there, too.

by Karen Baum

The rural mountain
community of Frakes,
Kentucky, sits in the heart of
the Appalachians.

Frakes, Kentucky, tucked between “hollers” and ridges, seems frozen in the world, a generation—or two—behind cities up north.

Since July of 2006, Lori Tupper, her husband, Michael, and their dog Jezebel, have called Frakes home. The stone house is theirs, temporarily, while Michael serves as the pastor for the local United Methodist Church, appropriately named “Hope.”

Lori graduated from Avila in 1982 with a degree in communications and psychology. She dreamed of being a missionary nurse and writer, but God had a different agenda. “If you want to hear God laugh, tell Him your plans,” she said with a chuckle. Lori laughs a lot. Not little tee-hees or giggles, but pure, unadulterated laughing. She finds joy in most everything, even when it is hidden in the darkness, sorrow, and despair of the poverty that permeates the Appalachian community she serves.

As a special education teacher and the wife of a successful pastor, Lori enjoyed living in an upper middle class neighborhood in

Pentwater, Michigan, with their two children, Sarah and Scott. When Michael felt that God was calling him to live among the poor, Lori’s response was, “Oh darn. Can’t I spend money to make you feel poor?”

Moving to Frakes, however, has made the Tuppers feel rich...and blessed. Since they arrived, Michael vowed to increase membership of the tiny 25-member church and Lori relished in the idea of taking a year off. She envisioned herself helping at the church and working with volunteers at the Henderson Settlement, a local ministry that helps serve the needs of over 3,000 people in southeast Kentucky and northeast Tennessee. The unemployment and poverty rates in Frakes are among the nation’s highest. Michael found the poor he felt called to live amongst and Lori was there by his side.

The stereotypical preacher’s wife conjures up a mental picture of a demure woman who plays the piano, leads the music worship, and teaches Sunday school. Nothing could be further from the truth with Lori. From her own admission, she cannot play

the piano or sing. And she is not demure. “I can’t keep my mouth shut,” Lori said, especially when talking about the abuse and injustices she sees occurring to the children in the area.

Six weeks after arriving in Kentucky, a first-grade teaching position came open at the Frakes School Center across the street from Lori and Michael’s stone house. Again, God had a different plan for Lori. She accepted the position and spent the first year crying in the teacher’s lounge bathroom because of what she felt was her inadequacy and inability to “help these little people I have grown to love.” But, she did help them. Her classroom is a showcase for the original works of art, essays and assignments completed by first graders who started out the year mistrustful of the Yankee from the North, but ended the year with “Miz Lori, you’re the goodest teacher I ever had.”

Lori loves her “little people.” On the wall of the classroom is a framed black and white photograph taken when she was a first-grader. It reminds her students that their teacher was once one of them. It also serves to remind Lori how she felt as an excited, scared, hopeful and eager six-year-old.

The pride Lori feels towards her children is evident when she deflects the attention off herself and brags about little Maddie who cut off nine inches of her hair for Locks of Love, a public non-profit organization that



During the year, Lori and her husband, Michael, work with volunteer groups from the Henderson Settlement.



Lori's first grade photo hangs in her classroom.

provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss. Lori beams when talking about Kenny who earned enough homework stickers to choose a puzzle out of the classroom toy box after spending weeks refusing to do his homework at all. Or Lonna who tested out of first grade reading and math and challenges Lori to find creative ways to enrich the little girl's education.

In the classroom, the children appear happy, bright and about as normal as any six year old. They jump around, smile a lot and raise their hands eagerly, waving excitedly in hopes of being called upon to show that they can answer a question or two. Their home lives are a different story. Some are abused. Some have drug dealers for parents or grandparents. Some have parents in jail. Some live in such poverty that the only nutritious meal they eat is what is served at school. Because of



Students in the classroom are enthusiastic and eager.

generous government subsidies, the children enjoy state-of-the-art educational equipment, including new Macintosh computers and audio/visual equipment. But, most go home at night to a completely different environment. They live in "hollers," low spots in the mountain range where multiple generations of families live within hollering distance from one another in trailers, run down shacks or modest homes.

Describing one child's home, Lori said, "I looked around and did the math. Eight kids, two parents, one small camper, one uninhabitable trailer, one broken-down tow truck, seven junked cars (one for each tied up dog), one small two-bedroom home, an eighth dog allowed to run free, two ducks, and who knows how many snakes. It sure looked like poverty to me . . . and yet, all I saw were kids that appeared to be happy. It messes with my mind and makes me question, what is poverty?"



Lonna listens intently during class.

"I've concluded that sometimes, being in missions means feeling your heart break enough until you trust God to show you how to help others. I honestly believe the reason I am the first grade teacher across the street is for a precious six-year-old boy who, because of his poverty, lives in darkness," Lori said. "My vision is to make a difference in short people's lives."

Judging from the success of her students, and the positive impact the Tupper's have made in such a short time living in Frakes, Kentucky, it would appear that Lori's faithful vision is coming true.

Lori and Michael send out a monthly newsletter that vividly describes their adventures in Kentucky. If you are interested in receiving it via e-mail, please contact Lori at Lrtupper@gmail.com.



life in a holler

- 83% of students are eligible for free or reduced price lunch programs
- 67% of people in the community do not graduate from high school
- 75% of the adult population are unemployed
- Median household income is \$14,500

Spirit of Avila Award

The Spirit of Avila comes through our 91-year relationship with our founding sponsors, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Their profound love of God, dedication and service to the dear neighbor, charity, humility and excellence characterize an ideal that is an inspiration to us all. The Spirit of Avila award is bestowed on an alumnus that exemplifies that charism.

On October 21, 2007, Susan Comfort Streck '82, received the Spirit of Avila award. Sue passed away one month later on November 20 after a long battle with cancer. Sue's devotion to God, her family and her community embodied the true spirit of the Sisters. What made Sue extraordinary is that she continued to exemplify the spirit and values of the Sisters even during her lengthy, courageous battle with cancer.

Sue's Reflection

A thought, a smile, a wish, a prayer, a glance, a note, a tear.
These silken threads, not just words,
But hope... holds me up... I do not fear.

A song, a meal, a hand to hold,
when all seems dark and cold.
A blanket to wrap around my shoulders
Filled with blessings unfold.

A look, a whisper, crosses of light, a flower, more tears and prayer...
These things are woven into a web, made strong, do not despair.
A laugh, a cry, a worry, a touch, a smile,
a silence of gold...
These gifts along the road of life...
Have journeyed for you to hold.

— Sue Streck



Sue Streck joins her family at the Avila street sign that was purchased in her honor at the '06 Steer Dinner. Sue lived by St. Faustina's message of divine mercy.

The I's Have It!

Do you know an Avila alumnus who exemplifies one of these words? E-mail Susan Randolph at Susan.Randolph@avila.edu and tell us who the alumnus is and how he or she exemplifies these qualities we work to instill in our graduates.

- **Inspired:** grounded in values and a vibrant faith life that guides the person in his or her journey through life
- **Innovative:** one open to interesting and imaginative ideas and translate that into action
- **Insightful:** one able to capture ideas that relate to his or her life, purpose and his or her effectiveness and does the same in regard to organizational involvements
- **Inclusive:** one who can relate to, draw upon and develop the talents of a diverse work team
- **Integrative:** one who weaves together disparate information from a wide variety of disciplines, allowing innovation to occur at the intersection of ideas
- **Influential:** one who makes a difference in his or her work, family and community; his or her opinions matter.

Alumni Events

Friday, April 11

Alumni Gathering at the Great Wolf Lodge

Monday, May 19

Alumni Board Meeting

- 6:00 p.m. Barefoot Room

September 20-28, 2008

Alumni Trip to Ireland



- See ad on back cover

Visit us on the web, too!

The Avila University Alumni Association has its eye on you!

We've created a Web site that will keep you connected with your peers and update you with events, news and the latest additions to Avila University. You just never know what you'll find next.

Please visit our site and take a look around, submit a class note or view photos from past alumni events. We're always eager to know what's happening with our alums!

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"Without a doubt, I wouldn't be where I am today without Avila." Derek Feagans is a 1995 graduate of Avila who majored in political science. He is currently working as the General Counsel for Bernstein-Rein Advertising. His day to day duties include handling everything legal for the advertising agency, Beauty Brands Stores, ninety-nine Blockbuster stores, and real estate development. Every day is different for him as he works with all the different legal issues in advertising, retail, and real estate. More...	
	

Italy Trip

A group of Avila alumni and friends traveled to Italy Oct. 12-20, 2007. They were our first group to participate in the new Avila alumni travel program. Destinations in Italy included Tuscany, Florence, Assisi, Cortona, Venice and Padua. According to our travelers, the accommodations tour staff and service were excellent.



Aluma Patty Ann Bertoncin shared these pictures from the alumni trip to Italy. Thanks to Patty for the beautiful images!

Don't be left behind on the next trip!

Make your plans now to join other alumni on our trip to Ireland in the fall of 2008! For more information about the Ireland trip, please see the back cover.

Avila Homecoming 2007

Purple Reign



Students, parents and alumni enjoy Eagle Madness, a show of Avila's spirit. The annual Friday night event includes introductions of sports teams, games and prizes.



Avila faculty, staff, students and friends attend the dedication of Jeanne Collins Thompson Hall and the McCullough Family Courtyard. Students took up residence in Thompson Hall this fall and the courtyard is used for student gatherings and bonfires.





Families enjoyed the tailgate party before the Homecoming football game. Catered by Jack Stack, the barbeque was a hit with Avila fans.



An Avila cheerleader roots for the Eagles as they took to the field. She must have had a terrific view up there of all the intense action!



The Class of 1947 poses for a picture after the alumni awards. Fifty percent of their class was in attendance for the 2007 Homecoming festivities.



Alumni from the honored classes gathered on Saturday night to reminisce and share stories. The Class of 1967 had some great stories to share!



The honored Class of 1957. Thank you, ladies, for joining us for another great Homecoming celebration!



An illustrious group of alumni won awards this year. For more information about our awards recipients, visit the alumni association's Web site at www.avila.edu/alumni/aa and click on each picture for a brief biography of this year's winners.



Alumni enjoy the dinner theatre held in the Goppert Theatre lobby. After a delicious meal, everyone enjoyed the comedy and great student performances in *Black Comedy* by Peter Shaffer.



A central part of Avila's Homecoming is the celebration of Mass. Alumni, friends and family gathered outside the Orscheln Memorial Chapel afterwards to enjoy the fantastic weather.

'67 Susan (England) Smith is now the proud grandmother of four. Her daughter, Caroline, has two children, Carson (age 10) and Hunter (age 4). Her son, Bob, has two children, Ava (age 5) and Zachary (age 4). She enjoys having her children and grandchildren close by in Little Rock. Susan received her bachelor of arts in English from Avila.

'74 Deanne Bell (Bodenhausen) Bronaugh is now a Senior Client Benefit Consultant with Cerner Corporation. Deanne received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'76 Linda (Peoples) Hagerty moved to the San Diego area in the fall of 2006. She is working for the North Coastal Consortium for Special Education providing administrative support for special education programs in the Del Mar Union School District. Linda received her bachelor of arts in special education from Avila.

'76 Jim Arthur has been employed at a beer distributor since 1993. He has one granddaughter, Caitlyn Serenity, who is eight years old. He recently took up riding motorcycles as a hobby and enjoys riding in the mountains. In July, he celebrated his twenty-seven year wedding anniversary to Carla (formerly Carla Welch of Northeast Kansas City). Jim received his bachelor of science in social work from Avila.

'76 Denise M. Caldarello and her husband Cole moved back to their hometown of Moberly in 1986 from Kansas City. She taught music for 18 years until retiring from the classroom in the spring of 2005. Now she is keeping her hand in education by teaching private guitar lessons. She also directs her church choir during Christmas and

Easter. She has two teenagers living at home in addition to one adult child living in St. Louis and one adult child in Kansas City. Her three grandchildren live in St. Louis. Denise received her bachelor of arts in music from Avila.

'77 Roma (Bailey) Cartwright has been married to Michael Cartwright for 50 years. She enjoys golfing and spending time with family, especially her four sons. Roma received her bachelor of social work from Avila.

'78 Larry Dickey was recently named the new police chief in Grandview, Mo. He had served as interim chief before the permanent appointment. He is Grandview's longest serving employee and plans to restore some programs that his predecessor disbanded. Larry received his bachelor of arts in administration of justice from Avila.

'84 Josetta Wahwassuck has a son, John R. Bonjour, who has been promoted to Sergeant, a non-commissioned officer in the United States Army. He has served one tour in Iraq and will be going back to Iraq next year. Josetta received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'86 Christine Byrd-Jacobs married Tim Jacobs on July 15, 2006. Christine has a Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology from the University of Arizona and has been a biology professor at Western Michigan University for ten years. Christine received her bachelor of science in biology from Avila.

'88 Mike McCollow is a basketball analyst for Fox Sports Net, and covers both the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Milwaukee Bucks. McCollow, a former two-year captain at Avila, was recently an assistant coach for the Toronto Raptors in the NBA. He has also served as a head coach for a professional team in Poland, a minor league team in St. Paul, Minn. and an assistant coach at Oklahoma State University, the University of North Texas and two teams in the CBA. McCollow is also a Senior Vice President for The Hays Companies, one of the leading insurance brokers in the country and he and his wife Katie own GEAR Running Store, Minnesota's oldest specialty retail store for runners and walkers. McCollow resides in Minneapolis and has 3 children, Margaret, Finbar and Mary Katherine (Molly). Mike received his bachelor of arts in communication from Avila.

'88 Sandra (Fry) Sipes was appointed as a United Methodist missionary in 1999. As a missionary, she serves as a Church and Community worker in the Missouri Conference administering "Empowering Women," a project funded by the mission board. She has developed a mission project that is used to create a woman's support network, working with local organizations to provide information, mediation, job training, parenting classes, finance classes and other assistance to empower woman. Sandra received her MBA from Avila.

'90 Catherine (Haley) Fuhrman joined Advan LLC as a product manager to help drive the introduction and management of new third-party crop protection products. She fulfills her position with Advan from her office in Lee Summit, Mo.

Catherine received her bachelor of arts in English from Avila.

'95 Derek Feagans was named General Counsel for Bernstein-Rein, a national advertising agency based in Kansas City. Prior to that, he was an associate at Bryan Cave LLP. In addition to his new job, Derek and his wife Heather also have a new baby girl. Finley Grace Feagans was born September 5, 2007 and was 7 lbs. 1 oz. and 19 in. long. Derek received his bachelor of arts in political science from Avila.

'96 Herb Simon is currently an adjunct professor assisting at the North Kansas City campus of Colorado Technical University. He plans to enroll in a graduate education program soon to take his teaching career to an even higher level.

'97 Stephen Campbell was named assistant principal for Trailridge Elementary School. He has worked in the R-7 School district since 1998. Before moving to his current administrative position, he worked as a sixth-grade teacher at Hawthorn Hill Elementary and at Trailridge

Elementary School. He also served as a fourth grade teacher at Longview Farm Elementary. Stephen received his bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.

'97 Mary (Pilcher) Cook is a former Kansas state representative who held Shawnee's 18th House District seat for two terms. She is an active member of St. Joseph's Church in Shawnee, and is serving as President of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW). She had most recently been a software engineer and possesses professional experience in the high-tech financial services industry. Mary received both her bachelor of science in business administration and her MBA from Avila.

'98 Denise (Briscoe) Gaynor is fulfilling the duties of assistant principal at Mill Creek Upper Elementary for the 2007 -2008 school year. She had been employed the last six years at Belton High School and Belton High School Freshman Center as the math teacher. In addition to her teaching duties, she also severed

as a learning facilitator and mentor coordinator for the past school year. Denise received her master of arts in education from Avila.

'99 Julie (Klutsarits) Jasper and her husband **Curtis Jasper** **'01** welcome new baby John Dale Jasper, born August 20. John joins siblings Joseph, 3, and Claire, 1. Julie received her bachelor of arts in psychology and her master of science in counseling psychology from Avila.



'98 Marie (Hoolian) Fanning has been working for a group of gastroenterologists for seven years and is a Certified Gastroenterology RN. She received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

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'99 Lovie (Abner) Verser and her husband welcomed son Sidney Devan Verser to the family. Sidney was originally due to arrive around September 4, but arrived 10 weeks early on June 26th, at 10:43 pm weighing 3 lbs and 15 inches long. Lovie received her MBA from Avila.

'01 Jeff Randolph is currently serving as the president of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Marketing Association. He is employed at ARMA International as the Senior Marketing Manager. In addition, he teaches as an adjunct faculty member for the business department at Avila University. Jeff received his MBA from Avila.

'01 Lindsey (Major) Hartley and her husband welcomed twins on Sept. 20, 2007. Jude Thomas weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and Jolie Marie weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces. They join their big sister Eiley, age 2. Lindsey received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'01 Debra Williams Merrill joined the Reese and Nichols Real Estate Company as a realtor in 2006. Debra received her bachelor of science in business and her MBA from Avila.

'02 Angela Brown is married to David Milliren. She is employed by the Kansas City Heart Group. Angela received her bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'02 Melissa Freeman received a doctorate from the University of Missouri - Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine in May

2006. She is now working in a Kansas City area veterinary clinic. Melissa received her bachelor of science in biology from Avila.

'03 Amy (Peterman) Huber and her husband Stephen welcomed their second child, Darcy Louise Huber, to their family on May 14, 2007. She joins sister Sydney. Amy received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.



'03 Rachel Gage is married to James Callahan. She is employed at Massachusetts General Hospital. Rachel received her bachelor of science in radiologic science from Avila.

'04 Angela Cervantes is a founding member of the Latino Writers Collective. She also has appeared in Riverfront Readings Series, other assorted professional, cultural and education groups as a keynote speaker, panelist and guest presenter, and as a recurrent guest on KCUR-FM's weekly KC Currents program. Angela received her MBA from Avila.

'05 Ryan Cook was promoted to the position of Direct Hire Consultant for Personnel Connection, LLC.

'05 Mark Teel is working as an art teacher for the Fairfax Campus in the Kansas City, Kansas School District. Fairfax is an alternative middle school/high school, which up

until this year, has not had any sort of art curriculum. He was hired on this past fall as their first and only art instructor. Currently, he is building the art program from scratch. He enjoys working with at-risk kids. Mark received his bachelor of arts in art with a minor in secondary education from Avila.

'05 Heather Williams, with her parents Judy and Ken, co-founded Hope's Heart, a charitable foundation administered by the Servant Christian Community Foundation. Hope's Heart is a foundation designed to help orphaned infants, toddlers, and children. Heather received her bachelor's degree in social work from Avila.

'06 Jessica Collins is currently working for Ford Modeling Agency in New York City. Jessica received her bachelor of arts in communication from Avila.

'06 Sarah Davis is currently employed at North Kansas City Hospital. She is continuing her education in ultrasound at the Kansas University Medical School. Sarah received her bachelor of science in radiologic technology from Avila.

'06 Jimmy Gordon manages the new Batteries Plus store in Lee's Summit which is owned by his father. He received his bachelor of science in business administration from Avila.

'07 Isis Dieguez has had three years of experience in the Belton School District as a substitute paraprofessional and summer school teacher. She is now a first grade teacher in the Harrisonville Class R-9 School District. Isis received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.

'07 Erika (Knight) Atcheson married Jason Atcheson on July 21, 2007. She is currently employed at Bank 10 Belton. Erika received her bachelor of science in business administration from Avila.

'07 Rachel Williams and her fiancé Cameron Brigham welcomed their son Cameron Brigham Jr. on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Cameron weighed in at 7 pounds and is the couples first child. Rachel received her bachelor of science in social work from Avila.

'07 Zac Choate, a communications graduate, interned with two television stations and is now the weekend sports anchor for WHSV-TV in Harrisonburg, Va.

Alumnus Spotlight

Tekia Thompson



“Avila taught me applications, not hypotheticals.”

Tekia Thompson is a 2002 graduate of Avila. She majored in communications with a minor in graphic design. She is currently working as the Director of Communications - Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society, High Plains Division. She develops and implements the media plans, templates, press releases and print packages that allow 720 different Relay for Life events to take place in local communities to raise money for cancer research. She works with areas as diverse as Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, Hawaii and Guam.

As a student at Avila, Tekia appreciated the fact that faculty members would be honest enough with her to tell her “I know you can do better.” Their encouragement and belief in her made her feel like she really could succeed. She participated in many hands-on projects that prepared her to work with real clients. It was a course at Avila where the students traveled to Mexico to help build houses that inspired Tekia to want to work for a non-profit organization after graduation. She knew that she had no worries about finding a job when she graduated because it seemed that everywhere she went, someone knew one of her professors.

In addition to her job responsibilities, she is on the Board of Directors for the American Marketing Association, Kansas City Chapter. She is also involved in YouthFriends and the Kansas City Metro Communications Advisory Team. She credits Avila with the preparation that allowed her to get her job, and her coursework at Avila for inspiring the idea that she could work for a non-profit organization. According to Tekia, Avila made her a better person and helped her to learn that you get out of life what you put into it.



photo by David Nance

Roadside Memorials Focus of Documentary

While driving, one may notice a wreath or a bouquet of flowers by the side of the road. This phenomenon, known as “Descansos or “Resting Places,” caught the attention of Melissa Villanueva '00.

Wanting to investigate and determine the history behind this cultural expression, Villanueva began work on a documentary project that studied this unique public expression of grief.

She received a non-profit grant from the Filmmaker's Jubilee and began a production that led to enlisting the talent of Oscar-nominated actor Liam Neeson to serve as narrator.

In September 2007, the completed documentary, *Resting Places*, premiered to a sold-out audience at the Kansas International Film Festival. It has since appeared at the Santa Fe Film Festival and the prestigious Big Sky Documentary Film Festival in Montana.

Villanueva received her bachelor's degree in English in 2000. She currently is an independent film producer with various other film credits.

For more information on *Resting Places*, please visit the Web site at www.restingplacesdoc.com.

in memoriam

'57 Mary M. (Ross) Lyndon passed away January 28, 2007. She received her bachelor of science in education from Avila.

'62 Florence (Statton) Underwood passed away April 19, 2007. Florence received her bachelor of science from Avila.

'68 Vivian (Kennedy) Huckaby passed away October 25, 2006. She received her bachelor of science in elementary education from Avila.

'69 Linda (Sturdivan) Chamblin passed away March 15, 2007. Linda received a bachelor of science in nursing from Avila.

'77 Dorothy Hayes passed away September 14, 2006. Dorothy received her bachelor of science in social work from Avila.

'78 Ann (Battaglia) Phillips passed away June 7, 2007. She received her bachelor of arts in education from Avila.

'83 Patricia Ann (Devincent) Parker passed away on September 8, 2007. She received her master of science in psychology from Avila.

'87 Judy J. (Romph) Boney passed away on October 11, 2007. She received her master of science in psychology from Avila.

Bill Waris passed away on September 18, 2007. He coached men's basketball at Avila University from 1974 to 1982.

Lucille Phelps passed away on September 25, 2007. She was a member of the Avila University Scholarship Sponsors.

Clarence “Bud” Dallavis passed away August 22, 2007. He was the brother of Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, president emerita.

Ethel Shull passed away May 28, 2007. She attended and studied at Avila University.

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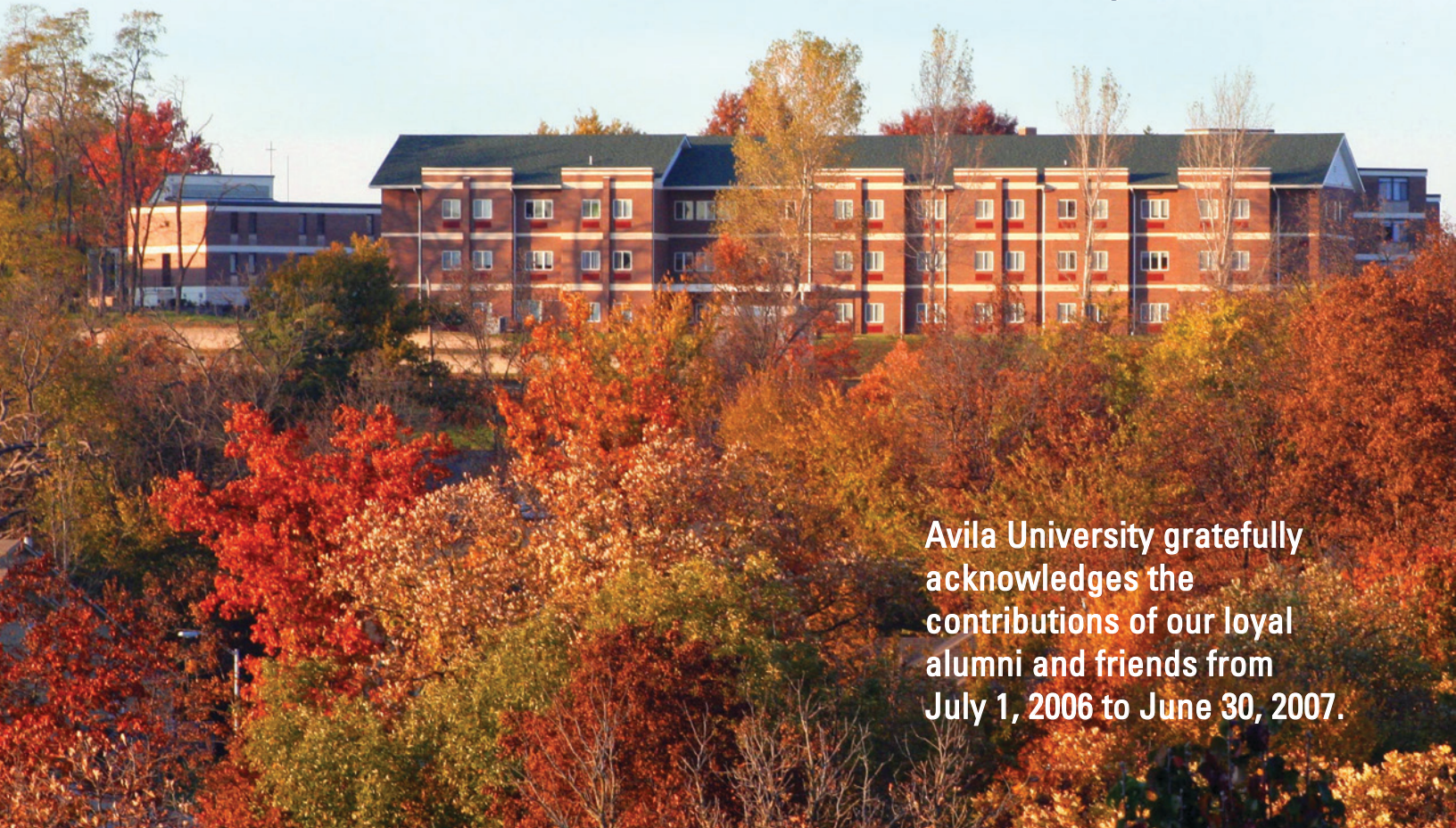
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- Recognize those whose generosity serves the welfare and advancement of Avila and its students; and,
- Educate all constituents on the importance of philanthropy at Avila.

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Jean Pierre Medaille was a Jesuit missionary whose journeys took him through the towns and villages of south-central France from about 1640-1670. In 1650, he gathered the first six women who would become Sisters of St. Joseph and urged them to "practice spiritual and corporal works of mercy...which will most benefit thy dear neighbor."

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On October 15, 1650, Bishop De Maupas assembled the six aspirants of Fr. Medaille in LePuy, France, gave official church recognition to them as a religious community, placed them under the protection of St. Joseph and ordered that they should be called the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. He placed them in charge of an orphan asylum for girls.

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